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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Office action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on August 16, 2002 be extended for three months, to and including February 18, 2003; February 16th and 17th being a Sunday and a federal holiday, respectively.

Enclosed is a check for \$465.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). If there are any other charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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